



HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

QUICK LINKS



New paper: Putting your money to decent work
 Social Finance has been exploring how to engage with innovative finance stakeholders to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and, in particular, the goal of decent work and economic growth. This paper introduces the concept of innovative finance and outlines the potential role and contribution of the ILO.

The new age of work



KNOWLEDGE UPDATE

New case: Britam

Britam, a diversified financial group based in Kenya, launched its first microinsurance product targeting the low-income population in 2007. It is now the market leader in microinsurance in Kenya, covering more than 700,000 lives. Read their fascinating story in [our latest brief](#).

Blog: AXA Indonesia

Plan - Engage – Communicate: the key ingredients to launching a new product! [Check out the blog](#) from our Fellow Tang Khai Sheng hosted by AXA Indonesia, in which he reflects on the big task of designing and delivering insurance innovations to for emerging consumers in Indonesia.

Four key financial services trends

Alternative data for credit scoring



NEWS FLASH

“Africa – from farm to fork - solutions for a growing world”

The Africa Agriculture and Trade Investment Fund (AATIF) is organizing a session in Brussels on March 11 on how to efficiently deploy funding for the African food and agriculture sector. African-based or focused financial institutions, corporates, market enablers and agriculture experts will come together to discuss lessons learned and solutions for a way forward. What areas of the value chain need to be targeted? How can producers be integrated into financing structures? What role should the different players have? More information can be found on the [AATIF website](#).

Upcoming trainings

Social Finance and the Facility have plenty of trainings lined up this year. [Check out our Doorstep](#) for all our insurance activities in 2019. The registration deadlines for trainings in [Nigeria](#), [Kenya](#) and [Malaysia](#) are coming up soon, some as early as March 1!

We also have three trainings planned at the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, Italy: the [ILO Entrepreneurship Trainers Academy](#), starting in May, the second edition of the [Impact Insurance Academy](#), in July, and a course on [financial education programme design and implementation](#) in October.

Launch of Social Finance thematic pages

Social Finance is launching a series of thematic pages that are one-stop shops for various topics related to access to finance. Two thematic pages are live now: [access to finance and formalization](#) and [innovative finance](#).

Blog: Is financial inclusion really impacting the SDGs?

Following [earlier examples](#) of how financial services have enabled better

The promise of psychometric-based credit scoring in financial inclusion

UNCDF publication



The intricate role of digital finance in reaching the SDGs

nutrition, education, and business opportunities, Next Billion has published a new piece on the impact of financial inclusion on the Sustainable Development Goals. There are many more benefits from financial services than most people realize – [curious what they are?](#)

We are going to have a new look!

This is the last month that you will receive our monthly newsletter in its current format. Starting next month, the ILO's Social Finance Programme and the Impact Insurance Facility will distribute its newsletter in a new format. We are excited to offer you the same quality content with a new look and feel.

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The ILO's Social Finance Programme works with the financial sector to enable it to contribute to the ILO's Decent Work Agenda. In this context, we engage with banks, microfinance institutions, credit unions, insurers, investors and others to test new financial products, approaches and processes. The Impact Insurance Facility contributes to the Social Finance agenda by collaborating with the insurance industry, governments and partners to realize the potential of insurance for social and economic development.

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